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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee

Note by the Secretary-General

1. As indicated in document A/58/104 of 8 July 2003, it will be necessary for the General Assembly, during its current session, to confirm the appointment by the Secretary-General of three persons to fill vacancies in the Investments Committee resulting from the expiration, on 31 December 2003, of the terms of office of Mr. Ahmed Abdullatif (Saudi Arabia), Mr. Fernando Chico Pardo (Mexico) and Mr. J. Y. Pillay (Singapore).

2. In accordance with the provisions of article 20 of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, the Secretary-General, after consultation with the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, submits for confirmation by the General Assembly the reappointment of Mr. Ahmed Abdullatif (Saudi Arabia), Mr. Fernando Chico Pardo (Mexico) and Mr. J. Y. Pillay (Singapore) as members of the Investments Committee for three-year terms of office beginning on 1 January 2004. Mr. Abdullatif is a Council Member of the Majlis ash Shura — Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. He has served on the Investments Committee since 1984. Mr. Chico Pardo is President of Promecap, S.C. in Mexico and has served on the Committee since 1996. Mr. Pillay is Chairman of Singapore Stock Exchange Limited in Singapore and has served on the Committee since 1997. The Secretary-General greatly appreciates their willingness to carry on this important international public service.

3. In accordance with past practice, the Secretary-General proposes to appoint Mr. Emilio J. Cárdenas (Argentina), Mr. Frigyes Hárshegyi (Hungary) and Mrs. Hélène Ploix (France) as ad hoc members for one year, beginning 1 January 2004.

4. The curricula vitae of the appointees for confirmation and the ad hoc members are set out below.

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Mr. Ahmed ABDULLATIF (Saudi Arabia)

Career :

Current:

Council Member of Majlis ash Shura — Riyadh
(A Government Legislative Council)

Director, Saudi Communications Commission, Riyadh

Director, Al-Lujain Co., Jeddah, Saudi Arabia — a company in the petrochemical and gas sectors

Director, Saudi Cables Corporation — a company in the cables industry

Member of the Arab Thought Forum — Amman, Jordan

Past :

President & Chief Executive Officer, Arab Banking Corporation (B.S.C.), Manama, Bahrain, 1995 to February 1997

Managing Director, Riyadh Bank, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 1983 to 1995

Deputy Governor, Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Chairman, National Industrialization Corporation, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Chairman, Saudi Spanish Bank, Madrid, Spain

Vice Chairman, Saudi Swiss Bank, Geneva, Switzerland

Director, Saudi International Bank, London, United Kingdom

Director, Real Estate Development Fund, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Director, Gulf International Bank, Manama, Bahrain

Director, the Inter-Arab Guarantee Corporation, Kuwait

Founder Member, the Arab Bankers Association, London, United Kingdom

Chairman, the National Company for Cooperative Insurance, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Chairman, Banco Atlantico, Madrid, Spain

Board Trustee, The Arab Institute for Banking Studies, Amman, Jordan

Education :

B.Sc., Economics, The American University, Cairo, 1957

Personal :

Date of birth: 1935, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

Mr. Fernando G. CHICO PARDO (Mexico)

Career:

Promecap, S.C.
Founder and President 1997 to date

Grupo Financiero Inbursa, S.A. de C.V.
Partner, Chief Executive Officer, 1993-1997

Inversora Bursátil, S.A. de C.V. Casa de Bolsa
Partner and Chief Executive Officer, 1983-1992

Acciones y Asesoría Bursátil, S.A. Casa de Bolsa
Founder and Chairman, 1980-1983

Mocatta Metals Corporation (Latin America Representative) and
Standard Chartered Bank (Mexico's Representative), 1978-1980

Mocatta Metals Corporation (New York) and
Standard Chartered Bank (London), Director of Metals Procurement,
1976-1978

Salomon Brothers, New York, Financial Analyst, 1976 (2 months)

Bank of America NT and S.A., New York, Marketing Assistant, 1975
(2 months)

Anderson Clayton, A.C. (Houston), Assistant to the Auditor, 1972 (2 months)

Organización Bimbo-Marinela, Assistant to the Director of Finance and
Planning, 1972-1974

Associations:

Board Member:

Grupo Financiero Inbursa

Condumex

Grupo CARSO

Sanborns

Sears Roebuck de México

Grupo Posadas

Education:

Northwestern University
Master in Business Administration (MBA), 1974-1976

Universidad Iberoamericana
Business Administration, 1969-1974

Personal:

Date of Birth: 15 February 1952

Mr. J. Y. PILLAY (Singapore)

Career:

Chairman of Singapore Exchange Limited, 1999 to date

High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, 1996-1999

Permanent Secretary, Ministry of National Development, 1989-1995

Managing Director of the Monetary Authority of Singapore, and of Government of Singapore Investment Corporation, 1985-1989

Permanent Secretary, Revenue Division, Ministry of Finance, 1972-1985,

Second Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Defense, 1970-1972

Permanent Secretary, Economic Development Division, Ministry of Finance, 1968-1970;

Deputy Secretary, Economic Development Division, Ministry of Finance 1965-1968;

Chief, Projects Division, Economic Development Board, 1961-1965

Associations:

Chairman of the Assisi Home & Hospice, 2003-

Director of the Mount Alvernia Hospital, 2003-

Member of the Temasek Advisory Panel of the Temasek Holdings (Private) Limited, 2003-

Chairman of the Council of Corporate Disclosure and Governance, Singapore, 2002 to date

Member of the Council of Presidential Advisers of the Republic of Singapore, 2001-2007

Member of the Board of Governors of Asia-Europe Foundation, 2000 to date

Chairman of Commonwealth Africa Investments Limited (COMAFIN), 1996 to date

Life Trustee of Singapore Indian Development Association, 1991 to date

Chairman of the International Advisory Panel of the Monetary Authority of Singapore, 1999-2000

Chairman of Singapore Technologies Holding Pte Ltd (1991-1994);
The Development Bank of Singapore (1979-1986);
Petrochemical Corporation of Singapore Pte Ltd (1977-1986);
Temasek Holdings Pte Ltd. (1974-1986);
Singapore Airlines Ltd. (1972-1996)

Director of the Singapore Symphony Orchestra (1979-1996)

President of Singapore Indian Development Association (1991-1996)

Education:

Imperial College, University of London, B.Sc. (Hons) Engineering, 1956

Personal:

Date of birth: 30 March 1934.

Mr. Emilio J. CARDENAS (Argentina)

Career:

Executive Director, HSBC Argentina Holdings S.A., March 1996 to date

Vice President, International Bar Association, 2003-2004

Vice President, International Bar Association, October 2000-2002

Secretary-General of the International Bar Association, September 1998

Personal Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General to Iraq, November 1997

Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations, September 1992-March 1996

Non permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, 1994-1995

Chairman of the Sanctions Committee for the former Yugoslavia, 1995

Vice President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, 1995

Ambassador to Dominica and Guyana, 1993-1996

Member of the Board of Directors of: HSBC Argentina Holdings S.A.; HSBC Bank Argentina S.A.; HSBC-La Buenos Aires Seguros S.A.; HSBC-New York Life (Argentina) S.A.; HSBC Máxima S.A. AFJP; HSBC Salud (Argentina) S.A.; Chevron San Jorge S.A.; and Edenor S.A.

Member of the Board of the Argentine Banking Association (ABA), from 2000 to date.

Associations:

Professor of Law at University of Buenos Aires, Catholic University of Argentina, and University of Illinois (U.S.A.) (until 1992)

Former Member of the Board of Directors, Bank of New York S.A., Banco Frances S.A., Michelin Argentina S.A., CIAMAR S.A., Ellerstina S.A., The Exxel Group S.A.

Former President of the Banking Association of the Argentine Republic (ABRA) (foreign banks), 1988-1992

Senior Partner at "Cárdenas, Cassagne & Asociados" 1966-1991

Education:

University of Buenos Aires Law School, 1964

University of Michigan Law School, MCL

Princeton University, 1965

University of California (Berkeley), 1966.

Personal:

Date of birth: 13 August 1942, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Mr. Frigyes HARSHEGYI (Hungary)

Career:

CEO — Managing Director of ERECO Budapest — East European Recycling and Environment Company, 2002 to date

Deputy CEO, Financial Director of Phylaxia Pharma, Drugs Vaccine and Agrobiological Preparations Manufacturing and Distributing Co. Ltd. Budapest, 2001-2002

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of CIB Securities Ltd. Budapest, fully owned company of Central European International Bank Ltd. Budapest, 1999-2000

Member of the Board of Directors and Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Central European International Bank Ltd. Budapest, 1998-1999

Member of the Board, General Manager of Capital Markets, Central European International Bank Ltd. Budapest, 1997-1998

Deputy President, National Bank of Hungary, Budapest. Member of the Central Bank Council, 1990-1997

General Manager of the International Banking Relations Department, National Bank of Hungary, Budapest, 1989-1990

Head of Representative Office of the National Bank of Hungary in Frankfurt, Germany, 1985-1989

Deputy General Manager, European Banking Relations, National Bank of Hungary, Budapest, 1982-1985

Managing Director of the International Department, International Investment Bank, Moscow, 1979-1982

Legal Advisor on International Financial Agreements, International Investment Bank, Moscow, 1976-1979

Legal Advisor, International Legal Department, National Bank of Hungary, Budapest, 1971-1976

Associations:

Member of the International Advisory Board of Creditanstalt Bankverein, Vienna, 1993-1996

Member of the Supervisory Board of Signal Insurance Co. Budapest, 1993-1998

Member of the Advisory Board of the German-Hungarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, 1998 to date

Member of the Council of the Commodity Exchange Budapest, 1998-2000.

Education:

Doctorate in Law, The University of Szeged, Hungary, 1974

Personal:

Date and place of birth: 1946, Budapest

Madame Hélène PLOIX (France)

Career:

Chairman and CEO, Pechel Industries, June 1997 to date

Special Adviser to KPMG Peat Marwick on the single currency, 1996-1997

Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations (CDC), and Chairman of CDC Participations, Paris, November 1989-July 1995

Executive Director, International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, February 1986-October 1989

Adviser to the Prime Minister for Economic and Financial Affairs, August 1984-February 1986

Banque Industrielle et Mobilière Privée (BIMP), Paris, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, 1982-1984

Compagnie Européenne de Publication (CEP), Paris, Vice President, 1978-1982

Technical Adviser to the Secretary of State for Consumer Affairs, 1977-1978

McKinsey and Company, Paris, Senior Engagement Manager, 1968-1978

Associations:

Non Executive Director of: The Boots Company, Ferring, Lafarge and Publicis.

Education:

Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Public Service), 1965

University of California at Berkeley, M.A., Public Administration, 1966

Institut Européen d'Administration des Affaires (INSEAD), MBA, 1968
Graduate in Law, Paris, 1968

Bachelor of Arts, English, Paris, 1968

Personal:

Date of birth: 25 September 1944